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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA

1. UKUN HAS PROVIDED COPY OF MESSAGE FROM BRITISH FOREIGN
SECRETARY CALLAGHAN TO SAG FONMIN MULLER, DELIVERED APR 23.

QUOTE YOU WILL BY NOW HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE BRITISH,
FRENCH AND AMERICAN AMBASSADORS THE NOTE WHICH EXPRESSES
THEIR JOINT VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA.

I AM DEEPLY CONVINCED THAT THE NEED FOR EARLY PROGRESS OVER
SOUTH WEST AFRICA IS IMPORTANT NOT MERELY FOR ITS OWN SAKE, NOR
BECAUSE OF THE ATTENTION IT RECEIVES AT THE UNITED NATIONS, BUT
ALSO BECAUSE IT IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACEFUL
SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA TO WHICH WE ARE
ALL COMMITTED. I WOULD NOT LIKE YOU TO LOOK UPON THE DEMARCHE
AS SOME KIND OF ROUTING MOVE ON THE INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMATIC
CHESSBOARD BUT RATHER AS A SERIOUS EFFORT TO HELP AVOID THE
UNNECESSARY CONFRONTATION WHICH CAN ONLY IMPEDE THE SEARCH FOR

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PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS.

WHEN MR VORSTER AND I DISCUSSED SOUTH WEST AFRICA AT OUR
TALK IN PORT ELIZABETH, HE AFFIRMED THAT IT IS FOR THE
PEOPLE OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN FUTURE.
I AGREE. BUT OF COURSE IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO REASSURE THE WORLD
THAT THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE WILL BE EXPRESSED IN A WAY WHICH
IS TRULY FREE AND DEMOCRATIC. THAT IS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY WE
THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL GROUPS IN SOUTH WEST AFRICA
SHOULD BE ABLE TO ENGAGE IN PEACEFUL POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

I HOPE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL FIND IT POSSIBLE TO MAKE
A POSITIVE RESPONSE, SOON, TO THE APPROACH WHICH THE FRENCH,
AMERICANS AND OURSELVES HAVE MADE TO YOU. I WOULD URGE YOU IN
PARTICULAR NOT TO UNDERRATE THE VALUE OF A PUBLIC STATEMENT. A
CONCILIATORY STATEMENT, ESPECIALLY IF COUPLED WITH SOME PRACTI-
CAL STEPS TO REDUCE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN SOUTH WEST AFRICA,
WOULD HAVE A VALUABLE EFFECT ON INTERNATIONAL OPINION AND WOULD
ASSIST THE PROCESS OF DETENTE. UNQUOTE
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